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Surgeon General's Office  
March 27<sup>th</sup> 1839.

Sir,

Your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant enclosing an application for a leave of absence has been received, and in reply I have to inform you, that as similar applications from Officers having much stronger claims to indulgence than yourself have been refused, on account of the pressing demand for Medical Officers, your request cannot be granted.

Should your private interest require your presence at Green Bay, and you think proper to employ a suitable physician to perform your duties during your absence, free of expense to the United States, you are authorized to do so, provided it meets the approbation of the Commanding General of the Department.

Very respectfully,  
Your Obed Servt.

Th: Hawron  
Sur. Genl

Doctor William Beaumont  
Surgeon U S Army  
Saint Louis  
Missouri



Letter from the  
Suez Canal, in reply  
to my letter for steam  
boat over 27-1839

Recd: Sept 6-1839

London